

operations for the correction of deformities and some of the less usual ones. It is intended as a practical guide for advanced students, and for the surgeon who desires to select one of several tried-out methods for any special case.

"I have endeavored to give the important details of all procedures in order to freshen the surgeon's memory before operating."

"The operative procedures, useful in infantile paralysis, are dealt with at length and the tried-out methods are here recommended rather than every possible operation."

There are many practical hints on the use of plaster of Paris, directions for pre- and post-operative care, for pre-operative arrangements and adjustment of apparatus and descriptions of orthopedic manipulations.

The illustrations are good in the main, but some, e. g., those of the author's operation for hip-contraction, are so tiny as to be unclear.

The book will be a vade-mecum for many an interne; it should be of interest and value to anyone doing orthopedic surgery. L. E.

**The Surgical Clinics of Chicago, Volume II, Number I (February, 1918).** Octavo of 226 pages, 73 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1918, Published Bi-Monthly. Price per year: Paper, \$10.00; Cloth, \$14.00.

**Contents:** E. W. Andrews and C. L. Mix: Duodenal ulcer. A. J. Ochsner: Basal-celled epithelioma of neck. Repair of post-operative ventral hernia. Sarcoma of thigh with metastases in vas deferentia. A. E. Halstead: Meningeal cysts. A. D. Bevan: Cholelithotomy. Gallstone ileus. Ruptured extrauterine pregnancy. Benign stricture of rectum. L. L. McArthur: Operative clinic demonstrating practical points in nephrectomy and resection of colon. Kellogg Speed: Gunshots of head. T. J. Watkins: Radium in gynecology. D. N. Eisendrath: Ureteral strictures. R. T. Vaughan: Acutely strangulated intra-abdominal tumors. W. Hensert: Arthroplasty of knee. D. C. Straus: Acute ileus caused by appendix adherent to right ovary. C. Beck: Conservative surgery in children. Extensive laceration forearm and hand with decoliation of integument, laceration muscles, fracture of bones. Recovery with perfect function. F. G. Dyas: Local anesthesia in major surgery. Diverticulum of urinary bladder. C. Davison: Successful repair fractured femoral neck. Removal exostosis internal condyle femur. C. A. Parker: Non-operative clinic illustrating therapeutic measures employed in orthopedic conditions (13 cases). J. Ridlon: Difficulties in diagnosis of hip disease.

**A Clinical Manual of Mental Diseases.** By Francis X. Dercum, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Nervous and Mental Diseases Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Second Edition, Revised. Octavo of 497 pages. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1917. Cloth, \$3.50 net.

The publication of a second edition of this excellent text-book affords the reviewer an opportunity of calling the attention of the profession to this well-arranged manual. For simple, logical classification and for well-expressed presentation of the subject, this work stands in pleasant contrast to many others on the same subject. Especially for the beginner in psychiatry is such a book well calculated to induct him into this complicated field with a minimum of confusion and with a substantial basis for deeper study. The practitioner, in his consideration of the nervously afflicted that he has to deal with, will find much of value in this manual, much that will make his understanding of the needs of these cases more sympathetic and more helpful. G. H. T.

**Principles of Surgical Nursing. A Guide to Modern Surgical Technic.** By Frederick C. Warnshuis, M.D., F.A.C.S., Visiting Surgeon, Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Chief Surgeon Pere Marquette Railway. Octavo of 277 pages with 255 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1918. Cloth, \$2.50 net.

This is a pretentious book, lavishly illustrated. It contains little information that a nurse will find useful to refer to or to read more than once. The half-tone illustrations are pleasing, but line drawings would be clearer; about one-third to one-half of them are quite superfluous. Yet the book is so pretty that it will probably sell. L. E.

**The Way Out of War.** Notes on the Biology of the Subject. By Robert T. Morris. 166 pages. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co., 1918.

A quite incoherent and nystagmic attempt at explaining by evolutionary principles war and the rise and fall of nations. Here is a sample sentence: "In order to carry some sort of plain picture of a complex process we postulate that the ionic atomic impact from a stimulated brain cell upon the ether gives rise to an ether impulse which on the rebound possesses potency for stimulation of the brain cell." (p. 24.) L. E.

**Diseases of the Skin.** By Milton B. Hartzell, A. M., M. D., LL. D. Published by J. B. Lippincott & Co. Philadelphia and London. 1917.

Hartzell has written an excellent treatise on dermatology and illustrated it with carefully selected black and white and colored prints.

It is difficult to select any specific subject which the author has handled best, as he has treated the whole so well, including all the up-to-date knowledge of dermatology and syphilis. It is therefore complete as a text-book. The reviewer can highly recommend it for both the general practitioner and the specialist in skin diseases. G. D. C.

**The American Medical Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry, 1917,** published by the American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, is a most valuable book to the practicing physician. S. P.

**New and Non-Official Remedies, 1918,** published by the American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, contains data with which every physician should familiarize himself. Price, \$1.00. S. P.

## Correspondence

FROM DR. R. H. HUNT.

U. S. S. "Corsair," May 12, 1918.

My dear Doctor Beckman:

Well, as per agreement, I will drop you a line to let you know that I have changed my address, not a great change but enough to make note of. While over here I went aboard a very trim looking yacht and had a chat with the medical officer aboard. During our conversation something was said about trading ships, well I was willing and he was anxious so I told him to go ahead and see if he could work it. Much to my surprise he did and so here I am and I presume he is back in the States by now.

The "Corsair" belonged to Mr. J. P. Morgan and I am very much obliged to him for having such a comfortable large and fast ship and besides that it looks very good. Mr. Censor, a very, very nice fellow, does not want me to tell you the kind of work that we are doing so I will not cross him by saying other than that we have work to do which has its joys, thrills, dangers and leisure. We get a chance to work on dry land once in a